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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6445**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 494

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 18, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Methamphetamine Precursor Sales Information.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Skinner

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**          X          **GENERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

  X   **DEDICATED**

  X   **FEDERAL**

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It requires the Criminal Justice Institute to seek federal funds to establish and operate a methamphetamine precursor data base pilot project.
- B. It specifies that the pilot project must connect persons who: (1) sell a drug that contains the active ingredient of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine; and (2) record drug sales information in an electronic log under current law; to an electronic monitoring system that transfers the drug sales information to a central data base at the same time the drug sales information is recorded in the electronic log.
- C. It limits the pilot project to six counties.
- D. It allows only certain law enforcement officers to have access to information in the central data base.
- E. It requires persons who must collect and record sales information concerning drugs that contain ephedrine or pseudoephedrine in a paper or an electronic log to collect and record the information until June 30, 2012, instead of June 30, 2008.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) has issued a request for proposal (RFP) to develop an electronic log for recording information on sales of drugs that contain the active ingredient of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, or both ephedrine and pseudoephedrine. Currently, most retail operations are recording this information in paper logs. Consequently, few law enforcement agencies are using these logs to track sales patterns of certain persons. CJI staff anticipate the initial cost to establish this

data base to be approximately \$50,000 and the annual cost to maintain it to be \$35,000. CJI staff report that these provisions can be implemented within the current budget. The bill provides that the CJI is to attempt to obtain federal funds to establish, operate, and maintain the pilot project.

Under current law, the requirement for retail operators to record sales information on methamphetamine precursors (drugs containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine) expires on June 30, 2008. This bill would extend this requirement to June 30, 2012.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Criminal Justice Institute.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local law enforcement agencies.

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